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La Peña Cultural Center • Calendar of Events • July 2012

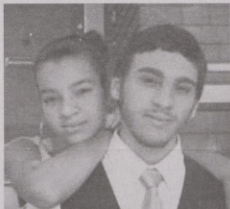
See August 2012 on the back



Coco Linares 7/6



Proyecto Lando 7/7



Samora & Elena Pinderhughes 7/12



Quetzal 7/14



Natalia Contesse 7/20

SUNDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Community Rumba 3:30-6pm Free Re-election campaign kick-off Max Anderson , City Council District 3 6-8pm. Free	4 Blues Dance Class 7pm	5 Dear Subscribers This could be the last calendar we mail to you! Due to the economic recession, we can no longer send you the calendar free of charge. Please make a contribution of \$20 to help defray the mailing costs. Your contribution will help keep community based arts alive. Send a check or donate in our website attention to Calendar Subscription. Thank you for your Support!	6 Concert Direct from Peru Coco Linares Afro-Peruvian guitar master plus guest peruvian guest artists, 8pm \$ 13 adv. \$15 dr.	7 Dance / Baile Afro-Peruvian Dance Party Proyecto Lando CD Party Release
8 Music for the entire family Gail Dobson Quintet & Vocal Showcase 4pm \$10 gen. \$5 kids	11 Blues Dance Class 7pm Lounge Skeptics 7pm Donation Requested	12 Concert Combining spoken word & jazz Samora & Elena Pinderhughes 7:30pm \$12 adv. \$15 dr.	13 Rock Showcase This is how Asians rock! Asian Rock Fest 8pm Check online for admission price	14 Concert Returning to La Peña! Quetzal Latin American music featuring Quetzal Flores & Martha Gonzalez. 8pm \$15 adv. \$18 dr.
15 Community Rumba 3:30-6pm Free Afro-Cuban dance & music Sandy Perez y Su Lade 8:30pm \$13 adv. \$15 dr.	18 Blues Dance Class 7pm Check La Peña's website for more info. & up-to-the minute programming www.lapena.org	19 Cafe Valparaiso Open La Peña Donors Make a World of a Difference! You can donate online at www.lapena.org.	20 Concert Touring from Chile vocalist Natalia Contesse in concert with Rafael Manriquez 8pm \$12 adv. \$15 dr.	21 Dance/ Baile Cuban Dance Party with Orquesta La Moderna Tradición 9:30pm \$10 adv. \$12 dr.
22	25 Blues Dance Class 7pm Chilean Folk songs A Workshop by Natalia Contesse 7:30pm \$10 - \$15 (Sliding scale donation requested) In the Lounge	26 Cafe Valparaiso Open RENT LA PEÑA Call us at (510) 849-2568 ext. 20 or check www.lapena.org	27 Check La Peña's website for more info. & up-to-the minute programming www.lapena.org	28 Benefit Benefit, Hotter Than July: Bellydance Extravaganza 1pm \$10 - \$25 don. Rock Concert with Lucid Rays 8:30pm \$20 adv. \$25 dr.
29 Mexican Tardeada 3-6pm Birthday Bash Avotcja's 71st Birthday. 7pm \$10-\$20 (sliding scale)	 Orquesta La Moderna Tradicion 7/21		Thanks for their support: James Irvine Foundation, William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, Walter & Elise Haas Fund, National Performance Network, Alameda County Arts Commission, National Endowment for the Arts, Berkeley Civic Arts Commission, San Francisco Foundation, Zellerbach Family Fund, Firedoll Foundation, Lia Fund, Clorox Co. Foundation, Mary Weinmann Trust & our generous individual donors.	
		La Peña's Art Exhibit In Cafe and Lounge July 5 - August 31st Photographs by Pancho Peskador and Jose Antonio Galloso.		

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The Power to Change

Since 1975 La Peña has established a history as an effective organization using arts, education and community action to promote social justice, peace and cultural understanding. Today, our mission to offer a place to connect and use the arts for social and cultural change is more relevant than ever.

Planned staff transitions and the economic recession have required a thorough examination of La Peña's vision, programs, structure and finances. Based on input from staff, board, artists, volunteers and other stakeholders, we have developed a framework for the renewal of the organization in the next years. A vision that builds upon our root values and strengthens our future sustainability options.

During this process, we have reaffirmed that La Peña has some unique values to offer to our constituencies. We are now determined to make changes to be a more effective organization. We want to increase our support to artists and continue being a home for all of you: a place to connect the wide diversity of people that think of us as a Bay Area hub for cultural activism and as catalysts for culture change through art, education and community action.

To implement these changes, we will be cutting back on activities during the summer to allow us to make a smooth transition. We will be dealing with staff changes, remodeling some spaces, upgrading our webpage, and increasing our capacity to be a highly networked organization that connects artists and audiences, educates our children, creates art, and builds communities that stimulate activism and cultivate political awareness.

Looking towards the future while understanding and respecting our past. We will continue our traditional Latin America music and dance programs and our classes. We remain committed to connecting artists and organizations that work for arts and social justice all around the world. We plan to have the majority of the transition completed by the end of 2012 and we truly hope you can continue lending us your support. — La Peña Cultural Center



Ha sido un largo viaje
¡Gracias Paul!

A Message from Paul

Dear friends, colleagues, y a la comunidad que me ha dado tanto

After 33 years of on-the-job training, I am retiring from La Peña at the end of July.

It has been a rewarding 33 years of dynamic programs and incredible people who have contributed to make La Peña the gathering place that it is today—a hub of activities, a home for cultural activism, and a catalyst for social justice. The solidarity events, the cultural celebrations, and the many voices of resistance have sustained and nourished me these past 33 years.

Starting as a La Peña volunteer in 1976, I will come full circle after July, volunteering after my "retirement." I will continue serving the center and all the diverse communities La Peña represents. I remain committed to making the world a better place for the 99%!

I look forward to maintaining La Peña's mission of promoting peace, social justice, and cultural understanding through the arts as well as building the movement to address the growing gap between the rich and the poor. I am inspired by the youth of the 2nd Generation working at La Peña to make the connections to artists and activists.

I encourage you to support our transitional director Manuel Alonso, the staff, the board and the La Peña 2nd Gen to continue the vital work of re-shaping the future for all and finally, **please consider making a contribution to keep the vision alive and well for the next generation of activists.**

In Solidarity,

Compañero Paul Chin
June 9, 2012

August Highlights: Mrs. Pat's House

Three-Day Run: Fri. - Sun. Aug. 10, 11, 12



Written & Performed by
Jovelyn Richards
Mrs. Pat's House
A "brothel" set in an African American neighborhood during the Great Depression. Come home to the safe haven of Mrs. Pat's House, as she opens her doors for the 99%, with distinctive colorful characters that sparkle and jump to life on stage, accompanied with live jazz & blues music.

Fri. & Sat. 8pm \$15 door \$12 adv. Sunday show at 7pm.

Bay Area Flamenco

Saturday August. 18

Presents
Direct from Spain
Flamenco Gitano
Juan del Gastor
and
Concha Vargas
with Kina Méndez
& Jose Cortés

8pm \$30 gen.
\$50 premium



Lounge Free Events • August 2012 (Donations are Welcome)

Wed. Aug. 1; Lounge Science: The Shape of Our Thoughts. 7pm. • Wed. Aug. 8; *In God We Teach*, a special movie showing. 7pm. • Sundays Aug. 5 & 19; Community Rumba. 3:30pm-6pm. Sun. Aug. 26; Mexican Tardeada. 3-6pm.

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